

10 QUINTARA BIOSCIENCES, INC.,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v. No. C 20-04808 WHA

13 RUIFENG BIZTECH INC., et al.,

14 Defendants.

15

16

17 **ORDER RE MOTION TO
WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL**

18 Defense counsel Buchalter moves to withdraw as counsel of record for defendants.

19 Plaintiff argues any change in counsel at this point in the litigation would be highly prejudicial
20 to its case. This order follows an in-person hearing after all parties had received proper notice
21 of the instant motion. Neither defendant Gangyou Wang nor Alan Li appeared at the hearing
despite repeated requests from counsel.

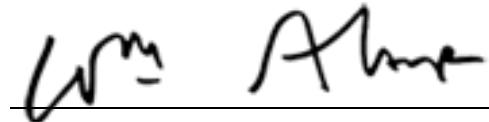
22 Counsel “may not withdraw from an action until relieved by order of Court after written
23 notice has been given reasonably in advance to the client and to all other parties who have
24 appeared in the case.” Civil L.R. 11-5. Permission to withdraw is discretionary. Withdrawal
25 in our district is guided by the California Rules of Professional Conduct, which allows
26 permissive withdrawal on several grounds, including when counsel has a good faith belief
27 there is good cause for withdrawal. *See United States v. Carter*, 560 F.3d 1107, 1113 (9th Cir.
28

1 2009); *Nehad v. Mukasey*, 535 F.3d 962, 970 (9th Cir. 2008); Civil L.R. 11-4(a)(1); Cal. R.
2 Pro. Conduct 1.16(b)(4), (5), (10).

3 Upon review of the papers, including a declaration from defense counsel submitted for *in*
4 *camera* review, and testimony from some of named defendants at the hearing, good cause for
5 withdrawal exists, and the motion is **GRANTED** specifically as to defendants: Ruifeng Biztech
6 Inc.; RF Biotech LLC; Gangyou Wang; and Alan Li. Buchalter's representation of these
7 parties is terminated as of **12:00 AM, OCTOBER 8, 2021**. The motion to withdraw is **DENIED**,
8 however, as to: Rui Shao and Alex Wong.

9 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

10
11 Dated: October 7, 2021.

12 
13
14 WILLIAM ALSUP
15 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28